

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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CLOSING DATE: October 13, 2006 OMB-06-64-VM

Title, Series & Grade: Vacancy Location:

STATISTICIAN Office of Management and Budget

GS-1530 - 14/15 Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

Washington, DC 20503

FULL PERFORMANCE LEVEL: GS-15

(\$91,407 - \$139,774)

MORE THAN ONE POSITION MAY BE FILLED THROUGH THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.

<u>AREA OF CONSIDERATION</u>: Status or Reinstatement Eligibles Only. (Veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the Armed Forces under honorable conditions after 3 years of continuous active service may apply).

**NOTICE: Please note the Selective Placement and Quality Ranking Factors listed in this vacancy announcement. Failure to address these factors will result in you not receiving consideration for this vacancy.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: To ensure safe and timely receipt of your application, we encourage applicants to submit an electronic application to EOPJOBS@OA.EOP.GOV or fax it to (202)395-1194/1262. We cannot guarantee that applications mailed will be received by the closing date of this announcement.

<u>**DUTIES:**</u> The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Statistical and Science Policy Branch, is seeking applicants qualified to provide policy and technical oversight and evaluation of statistical programs carried out by agencies of the Federal Government.

The Statistical and Science Policy Branch promotes the quality, integrity, and efficiency of Federal Government statistical programs and evaluates the scientific underpinnings of regulatory impact analyses, risk assessments, and health and safety guidance. Statistical and Science Policy staff strive to improve the relevance, accuracy, and transparency of Federal information while maintaining the objectivity of Federal information products, respecting pledges of confidentiality, and minimizing both reporting burden on the public and the statistical system's use of Federal resources. Authorities derive from the Budget and Accounting Procedures Act of 1950, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and the 2001 Information Quality Law. Policies are expressed in a series of Statistical Policy Directives and related guidance documents.

The branches analysts foster the quality, objectivity, utility, and efficiency of Federal statistics; evaluate the

scientific underpinnings of regulatory impact analyses, risk assessments, and health and safety guidance; and oversee information dissemination activities to ensure compliance with government-wide and agency information quality standards through six core activities: long-range planning, policy and standard setting, statistical program evaluation and review, interagency and international coordination, scientific review, and information quality oversight.

Statistical policy staff collaborate with Resource Management Offices (RMOs) within OMB to ensure that budget proposals reflect priorities for the statistical system, provide technical advice to OIRA management and staff with respect to proposed regulations and information collections, and serve as expert advisors on matters of statistical methodology and data quality as requested by other OMB and Executive Office of the President officials.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must have a minimum of one year of specialized experience at a level of difficulty and responsibility comparable to the next lower grade in the Federal service. Specialized experience is experience directly related to the work of the position to be filled, which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position. NOTE: This announcement contains Selective Placement Factors that are considered a basic requirement of the position. Applicants who do not meet these factors WILL NOT receive further consideration.

NOTE: EMPLOYEES MUST MEET ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO DATE OF APPOINTMENT.

<u>SELECTIVE PLACEMENT FACTORS</u>: Candidates should prepare, using specific examples, a brief description of their qualifications as they relate to each of the selective factors listed below. Failure to address these factors WILL result in a rating of INELIGIBLE. Candidates who do not meet these factors are ineligible for this position.

- 1. Knowledge and understanding of statistical theory and techniques in the collection, analysis, and interpretation of quantitative information.
- 2. Extensive experience with all aspects of current Federal data collection, analysis, and dissemination programs and authoritative knowledge of techniques used to produce complex Federal statistics.

<u>QUALITY RANKING FACTORS</u>: Candidates must prepare, using specific examples, a brief description of their qualifications as they relate to each of the quality ranking factors listed below. Each candidate who meets the minimum qualifications and the Selective Factors listed above, will be rated and ranked based on their responses to the Quality Ranking Factors listed below. Failure to address these factors WILL result in a rating of INELIGIBLE.

- 1. Ability to analyze complex public policy matters, identify major issues and alternative solutions, and to recommend and implement practicable and workable solutions.
- 2. Ability to work in a high intensity workplace, and to present arguments and conclusions concisely and convincingly both orally and in writing.
- 3. Skill in establishing and maintaining excellent working relationships, and in carrying out negotiations on controversial issues, with senior executives in a broad array of Federal agencies.
- 4. Demonstrated leadership skills, and the ability to carry out responsibilities with only the most general supervision.

<u>BASIS OF RATING</u>: No written test is required. Applicants will be rated based on an evaluation of their experience/education as described in the application **AND** on their responses to the Selective Placement and Quality Ranking Factors listed above. **APPLICANTS SHOULD ADDRESS EACH SELECTIVE PLACEMENT FACTOR AND EACH QUALITY RANKING FACTOR SEPARATELY ON PLAIN PAPER.**

STATUS APPLICANTS: Current Federal employees serving under permanent appointments in the competitive service, or former Federal employees with reinstatement eligibility, will be considered under the component's Merit Promotion procedures. Those status applicants who want to receive consideration under the competitive delegated authority procedures of this announcement must submit two applications. Mark one application "Merit Promotion" and the other "Delegated Examining."

<u>NOTE</u>: Applicants who do not indicate their lowest acceptable grade/salary will be considered only at the highest grade for which they qualify. For example, if you qualify at the GS-11 level, and you have not indicated that you would accept a lower grade, you will be only considered at the GS-11 level.

HOW TO APPLY:

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- OF 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment; -OR-
- Resume or other written format that includes the information identified in OF-510, Applying for a Federal Job;

OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- If you are a current or former Federal Employee please provide your latest SF-50 "Notification of Personnel Action" and your most recent Performance Appraisal;
- On a separate sheet, a narrative summary of your experience and/or education which concisely addresses each of the Selective and Quality Ranking Factors listed above.

IF YOU ARE CLAIMING VETERAN'S PREFERENCE:

- You must clearly identify your claim for veteran's preference on your application
- If claiming 5 point veteran's preference, you must submit a copy of your DD 214 or other proof of entitlement;
- If claiming 10 point veteran's preference (based on service connected disability), you must submit a copy of your DD 214, and SF 15, and a copy of your Department of Veterans Affairs letter dated within the last 12 months (or other required proof).

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Applicants will be notified of receipt of application and again at the point of selection/non-selection by the servicing personnel office.
- Failure to submit all required documents and information requested by the closing date of this announcement may result in your not receiving full consideration. Applicant's qualifications will be evaluated solely on the information submitted in their applications.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

• FAVORABLE SECURITY SCREENING: This position requires the selectee to be at least 18 years old and be able to obtain and maintain an Executive Office of the President (EOP) favorable security determination as a prerequisite to employment. EOP's offer of employment is conditional until the selectee passes a drug screen, pre-employment security interviews, appropriate credit checks, a criminal background record and identification check, and the EOP exercises its discretion to grant the selectee a favorable security determination. Any employment offer EOP management extends prior to a favorable

security determination is merely tentative, and the EOP expressly reserves the right to rescind the tentative employment offer at any time before the selectee's start date.

- The applicant tentatively selected for this position will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for illegal drug use prior to appointment. After appointment, the employee will be included in the component's random drug testing program.
- As a condition of employment, candidates appointed, competitively promoted or reassigned are required to enroll and participate in Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer.
- Male applicants born after December 31, 1959 must certify at the time of appointment that they have registered with the Selective Service System, or are exempt from having to do so under Selective Service Law.
- Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs.

WHERE TO APPLY: Completed form(s) must faxed to:

Executive Office of the President

Office of Administration

Human Resources Management Division

(202) 395-1194/1262

- Applications will also be accepted electronically. Please submit your application to EOPJOBS@OA.EOP.GOV.
- Applications must be received by the closing date.
- Applicants submitting applications in postage-paid Government envelopes are reminded of the legal
 prohibition against the use of such envelopes or other Government property for other than
 officially approved activities. These prohibitions are contained in 18 U.S.C.1719.
- Applications will not be returned.
- You must include the announcement number on your application.
- The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factors.
- Users of Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) may call (202) 395-1160.
- Federal agencies, must provide reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process should contact the hiring component directly. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

SPECIAL NOTE

Displaced employees requesting special selection priority consideration under the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP). If you are a displaced Federal employee, you may be entitled to receive priority consideration under the ICTAP. To receive consideration you must:

1. Be a displaced Federal employee. The following categories of candidates below are considered displaced employees. You must submit a copy of the appropriate documentation such as RIF separation notice, letter from OPM, or a Certificate of Separation from your agency documenting your priority consideration status.

2. Former Military Reserve or National Guard Technicians who are receiving a special Office of Personnel Management (OPM) disability retirement under section 8337 (h), or 8456 of title 5 United States Code;

OR

- 1. Current or former career or career-conditional (tenure group 1 or 2) competitive service employees who: received a specific RIF separation notice; or separate because of a compensable injury, whose compensation has been terminated, and whose former agency certifies that it is unable to place; or retired with a disability and whose disability annuity has been or is being terminated; or upon receipt of a RIF separation notice retired on the effective date of the RIF and submits a SF-50 that indicates "Retirement in Lieu of RIF"; or under the discontinued service retirement option; or was separated because he/she declined a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another commuting area.
- 2. Be applying for a position at or below the grade level of the position from which you were being separated. The position must not have greater promotion potential than the position from which you are being separated.
- 3. Have a current performance rating of record (or last) of at least fully successful or equivalent (does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement).
- 4. Occupy or be displaced from a position in the same local commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
- 5. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date and meet all the application criteria.
- 6. Be rated well qualified for the position. To be considered well qualified you must earn a score of 90 or above (prior to the assignment of veterans' preference points) on the rating criteria developed for this position. Applicants must address the selective and quality ranking factors in order to receive a rating.